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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An internal door cladding, comprising:

a door rail having a decorative layer, the decorative layer having a first plane and a second plane wherein the first plane and the second plane are not coplanar;

an airbag for head and/or shoulder side-collision protection in the event of a side collision and/or rollover located on the door rail of the internal door cladding;

an airbag directional shoot including an outlet opening for deploying the airbag in a direction of a head and/or shoulder area;

at least one airbag flap for closing the outlet opening; and

a tear line in the decorative layer proximate to the airbag directional shoot that traverses a substantially "V"-shaped course along both the first plane and the second plane and includes a sharp inflection point or peak such that upon an unfolding force of the airbag against the airbag flap, a tear is initiated at the inflection point or peak and propagates along the tear line.

2. (Canceled)

- 3. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 2, further comprising a collision element located in the airbag directional shoot for initiation of a part of the unfolding force of the airbag on the tear line or for guiding the unfolding airbag towards the tear line.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 3 wherein the collision element is wedged-shaped.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 3, wherein the collision element has an angle leg which stands up in the area of the tear line.

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6. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 1, further comprising an angle shaped reinforcement element coupled to the airbag directional shoot.

7. (Canceled)

- 8. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 1, wherein the airbag directional shoot has a side limit which runs vertically.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 1, further comprising a gas generator for deploying the airbag.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 9, wherein the gas generator is placed in an incorporation position on an opposite side of an instrument panel.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 1, wherein the airbag flap is designed to swing open towards a side window.

12. (Canceled)

- 13. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 1, wherein the airbag flap is placed on a support of the internal door cladding.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The internal door cladding according to claim 1, further comprising a further airbag flap for covering the outlet opening, wherein the further airbag flap is designed for pivoting it in an opposite direction from the at least one airbag flap.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim1, further comprising a holding strip for the airbag flap.

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16. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 1, wherein the airbag flap is designed to pivot.

- 17. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 8, wherein the limits for the directional shoot are fixed to a support of the internal door cladding, and a housing for the airbag in folded state is formed below a rail of the internal door cladding by means of the limits and the support.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The internal door cladding according to claim 17, wherein the housing includes a lance for connection of the airbag to a gas generator.
 - 19. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle door, comprising:an internal door cladding, the internal door cladding having a door rail;a decorative layer located on the door rail, the decorative layer having a first plane

and a second plane wherein the first plane and the second plane are not coplanar;

a head and/or shoulder anti-shock airbag in the event of side collision and/or rollover coupled to the internal door cladding, and including a directional shoot for the airbag, the airbag directional shoot <u>located on the door rail of the internal door cladding</u> having an outlet opening for deploying the airbag towards a head area;

at least one airbag flap for covering the outlet opening; and

a tear line proximate to the airbag directional shoot that traverses a substantially "V"-shaped course along both the first plane and the second plane and includes a sharp inflection point or peak such that, upon an unfolding force of the airbag against the airbag flap, a tear is initiated at the inflection point or peak and propagates along the tear line.

- 20. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 19, wherein the door is a hybrid door.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 18 19, wherein the door is sized and shaped for a cabriolet.

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